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SUBJECT: GVN NOTE ON COMMUNIST ATTACKS AT QUANG DUC AND BIEN HOA

1. SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TODAY, NOVEMBER 7, SENT US THE FOLLOWING NOTE, ADDRESSED TO ALL THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM, DENOUNCING THE COMMUNIST SHELLING OF BIEN HOA AND ATTACKS AT QUANG DUC AND RENEWING ITS APPEAL TO THE PARTIES TO TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THE COMMUNISTS FROM DESTROYING PEACE IN VIET-NAM. THE TEXT OF THIS NOTE, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED NOVEMBER 8 AT 1630 SAIGON TIME IS AS FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. NOTE NO. 631/BNG. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM, SIGNED AT PARIS ON 2ND MARCH 1973 AND HAS THE HONOR TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

3. ON 6TH NOVEMBER 1973, THE COMMUNISTS SHELLED SEVERAL SCORES OF 122/MM ROCKETS INTO THE BIEN HOA AIRFIELD, PUTTING AFIRE A HOUSING AREA, KILLING ONE PERSON AND WOUNDING NINE OTHERS AMONG WHOM WERE TWO CHILDREN. PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE AIRFIELD
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WAS IMPORTANT.

4. ON 4TH NOVEMBER 1973, COMMUNIST FORCES COMPRISING THE 271ST AUTONOMOUS REGIMENT AND SEVERAL BATTALIONS OF SAPPERS SUPPORTED BY ARTILERY AND TANK UNITS ATTACKED AND OVERPOWERED TWO OUTPOSTS AT BU PRANG AND BU BONG, IN THE QUANG DUC PROVINCE. THESE TWO OUTPOSTS WERE HELD BY THE REGIONAL FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27TH JANUARY 1973.

5. AS A RESULT OF THE COMMUNIST ATTACK, TWO THOUSAND CIVILIANS OF THE BU BONG VILLAGE WHOSE HOMES WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED HAD TO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KIEN DUC DISTRICT TOWN, QUANG DUC PROVINCE.

6. THE SHELLING OF THE BIEN HOA AIRFIELD AND THE ATTACK AGAINST BU PRANG AND BU BONG ARE CLEARLY ACTS OF WAR WHICH CONSTITUTE A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE AND UNMISTAKEABLY SHOW THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO RESUME ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

7. THEY NOT ONLY CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ITS PROTOCOLS AND THE 13TH JUNE 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THEY ARE ALSO AN INCESSANT CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENTS SIGNATORIES OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM.

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO REITERATE ITS DETERMINATION OF THE SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENTING ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM BUT HAS TO RESERVE ITS RIGHT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO DEFEND ITS TERRITORY, ITS ARMED FORCES AND ITS POPULATION.

9. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS TO SPECIFICALLY CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM CREATED BY THE LATEST SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND WISHES TO RENEW ITS APPEAL TO THE PARTIES TO ACT EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN CONCERT TO PREVENT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SIDE FROM DESTROYING PEACE IN VIET-NAM
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AND PLACING THE WHOLE PEACE STRUCTURE CREATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN JEOPARDY.

10. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM, THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGH CONSIDERATION.
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